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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending last Saturday was

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copies, the largest circulation of any daily paper in Vermont outside of Burlington.

Gov. Wilson sleeps from ten to twelve hours, which is more than he would sleep if he should get into the White House with all the knocking going on.

Now that Gov. Bleas of South Carolina thinks he, too, resembles the immortal Abraham Lincoln, that brand of comparison is likely to be discontinued.

Boston society girls have the "camel-hump walk" nowadays. Vermont girls can easily acquire it by taking shank's mare up the mountain near North Duxbury.

When M. J. Hagood of Peru gets Allen M. Fletcher's secretary to divulge Mr. Fletcher's campaign expenses, then Mr. Hagood will have something to talk about.

Into a state with such "mixed" sentiment as Vermont has on the presidency, it will be a good move to send Gov. Hadley and Senator Borah in support of the Taft candidacy. Few men in the country can appeal with better grace to Vermont voters just at the present time.

Jim Thorpe, the wonderful Indian athlete from the Carlisle school, disobeyed a "command" of the king of Sweden to appear in the royal court, which is considered a terrible affront in those countries where royal blood rules. Poor Jim probably left his regalia at home and, therefore, ought to be excused. Anyway, he showed that he could break custom and precedent, as well as bust records. He is quite a remarkable Indian.

The route laid out in Barre for the automobile fire truck test to-morrow is sufficiently difficult to satisfy anyone. If the machines can cover the route, ascending the city's steepest hills, stopping midway and starting again under this handicap, then they will have proven their practicability for Barre's use in the bare-ground season at least. In order that they may have personal knowledge of the work of the machines, Barre citizens should plan to be present at some one of the points designated in order to see the test.

Charles H. Thompson, who has been selected by Senator Dixon, the Roosevelt campaign manager, to lead the fight in the New England states, and who made no effort to hide the fact that he looks upon it as a pretty hopeless battle, was asked if he counted on any of the New England states? "No," said he, but he added that some of the other leaders in New England were more hopeful. Oyster Bay dispatch to the New York Times.

Mr. Thompson hails from Vermont. Why should the Roosevelt campaign manager in New England be taken from Vermont? It's a diverting little political mystery.—Springfield Republican.

The fact that Roosevelt's New England manager was taken from Vermont is not so mysterious as the closely allied fact that Thompson was selected in preference to his fellow-townsmen, Ernest W. Gibson, who has been first and foremost in the Roosevelt fight, or perhaps that Bethel man, Wallace Batchelder. Senator Dixon has something to explain to Vermonters, as well as to the Springfield contemporary.

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and it is high time for other states, chiefly those more closely placed to Massachusetts, to enter protest. For its part, Vermont has enough of this class among its own residents without receiving any additions from a neighboring state.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Nominating Town Representatives.

Now is the time for the people of Vermont to determine just how progressive this state shall be. If the residents of the various towns allow candidates for town representative to be selected by the old political methods of getting only a few friends at the town caucus or to place money in the hands of irresponsible men for the purchase of beer and win the nomination in that way, Vermont need not expect much political reform through the legislature. On the other hand, if the voters will get out and vote as they talk, a list of men can be sent to Montpelier that will stand for better things.

The Republican nominee for governor stands for several definite plans along industrial and political lines. He will be powerless, however, unless men in sympathy with his purposes are elected to the legislature. The members of the Senate have largely been selected, but the people must get the right men into the House by right political methods if we are to see any real improvement in conditions in the state.—St. Johnsbury Californian.

## The President and the Senate.

The Senate of the United States is notoriously touchy when its prerogatives are attacked, and rightly so. But when the Democrats of that body, aided by certain Republicans, sought to rebuke President Taft for his interference in the Lorimer case, they made an unfortunate move.

In the first place, as Senator Borah very clearly pointed out, the president had interfered primarily to prevent an injudicious attack upon Lorimer. The history of Mr. Taft's letter to Col. Roosevelt made an interesting item. Senator Borah explained that it was at his solicitation that the letter was written. He feared the effect of Col. Roosevelt's threatened attack and persuaded Mr. Taft to intercede.

Senator Borah went on to harass the Democrats by reading from Gov. Wilson's writings. He advised them to go slowly for fear of what might happen if their candidate was successful. As a matter of fact, Gov. Wilson's views as to the necessity of a strong executive have been thoroughly put into practice by him at Trenton. The Democratic platform contains some high sounding declarations in favor of preserving the departments of government in their ancient independence. But the nomination of Gov. Wilson upon that platform pretty effectively reduces that particular plank to kindling wood. We are inclined to think that Senator Borah's prophecy and warning were fully justified.

Thus, in another important respect, is Mr. Taft the real upholder of constitutional government among the candidates before the people. The Democrats of the Senate can take what satisfaction they will in their grandstand resolutions. The facts of the record and the prospects for the future are sadly out of keeping with their protestations.—New York Evening Sun.

## MONTPELIER.

Neighborhood House Assn. of Burlington Organized for Charitable Purposes.

The Neighborhood House association of Burlington has filed articles of association with the secretary of state. There is no capital stock, the purpose of the organization being the bettering of conditions in Chittenden county. The papers are signed by Levi P. Smith, E. C. Mower and Margaret Boell, all of Burlington.

The Logan Squares defeated the Notre Dames at Inter-city park yesterday afternoon, 6 to 4.

An eight-pound daughter was born yesterday at Boston hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Lull.

A heated discussion over the work of the woman's club in removing rubbish from the Swasey tenement on Court street between two of the tenants, Mrs. Mary Gibbons and Mrs. Ella Carbo, resulted in both women being haled into court yesterday on the charge of breach of the peace, when the former was fined \$15 and costs of \$9.72. If she is unable to pay it, she will serve 78 days in jail. Mrs. Carbo's case was continued. Mrs. Carbo commended the work of the club, while Mrs. Gibbons objected, and the flow of language became so loud and continuous a complaint was entered.

## SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

E. T. Stotesbury, Who May Be Ambassador to England.



E. T. Stotesbury, who rumor has it will represent the United States at the court of St. James if President Taft is re-elected, is the Philadelphia partner of J. P. Morgan. Whitelaw Reid, who has been ambassador since 1905, desires to return to America and resume active control of the New York Tribune. Mr. Stotesbury is a native of Philadelphia, sixty-three years of age, and when only seventeen entered the employ of the banking firm of Drexel & Co. In 1882 he was admitted to partnership, and from that time his advancement was rapid. He became connected with the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York and also with Morgan, Harjes & Co. in Paris. He is a confidential friend and associate of Mr. Morgan. Mrs. Stotesbury, who before her marriage to Mr. Stotesbury last January was the widow of Oliver Eaton Cromwell of New York, has been a familiar figure in diplomatic circles and is anxious for her husband to take a post abroad. She was presented at the English court the past season. At the time of the marriage last winter Mr. Stotesbury gave his bride a wedding gift of \$4,000,000.

## The Retired Treasury Official.

A. Platt Andrew, who recently resigned his post as assistant secretary of the treasury, accused his chief, Secretary Franklin MacVeagh, of hampering him in the conduct of his office. He said that the "idiosyncrasies and unbusinesslike methods" of Mr. MacVeagh were such as to make co-operation with him by his subordinates impossible.

Abram Platt Andrew is a native of Indiana and is in his fortieth year.

He graduated from Princeton university in 1897 and had a postgraduate study at the universities of Halle, Berlin and Paris in the following two years. For nine years following 1900 he was instructor and assistant professor in economy at Harvard. Being a special favorite of former Senator Aldrich, he became an expert assistant and editor of publications for the



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## A. PIATT ANDREW.

national monetary commission. President Taft appointed him director of the mint in November, 1909, where he remained until July, 1910, when he was appointed to the place from which he has just resigned.

Mr. Andrew is a well known writer on financial subjects and is treasurer of the American Red Cross society. As assistant secretary of the treasury he had charge of the mint, the bureau of engraving, the office of the treasurer of the United States, the comptroller of the currency, the treasury auditors and the secret service.

## BROOKFIELD.

Dana Williams is assisting Charles Williams in his haying.

Miss Marion Batchelder of Massachusetts is visiting friends in town.

Lawrence Wilcox is assisting in the bakery of his uncle, F. D. Ladd, in Barre.

Miss Hazel Carpenter has finished work at Brookfield central and returned home.

Miss Fannie Sargent of Woodsville, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Blake.

Miss Dora Henry of Worcester, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mabel Holden, also Clifton Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Orange, Mass., who have been visiting her niece, Mrs. C. E. Beard, have returned to their home.

Did you see the bed spread, shams and scarfs to match, at Vaughan's?

If you can not read this print distinctly at a distance of fourteen inches from the eyes, you need glasses. Call and have your eyes examined and glasses made at King's Optical Parlor.

## A Civil War Episode

By JAMES L. TUTTLE

Colonel Moseby was a noted partisan cavalry leader in Virginia during the civil war, just as John Morgan was in Kentucky and Tennessee. Both these men had with them men who could run a locomotive or work a telegraph line. The object of all partisan bands attached to an army is to harass or cripple an enemy. To do this they usually make raids in the enemy's rear, with a view to breaking in upon their lines of communication and either interrupt the passage of or destroy their supplies.

The federal armies as they advanced put the railroads and telegraph lines in order, using them for supply and communicating purposes. At the little village of A., in Virginia, was a telegraph station in possession of the Federal army. The operator, Ferguson, had worked the line under the Confederates, but being at heart a Union man he was glad to retain his position under the United States when the Federal troops occupied the territory.

Jennie Ferguson, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the operator, was learning telegraphy. In her room above the telegraph office she had a battery, a key and a wire making a circuit on which she used to practice. One night she was awakened by the stamping of horses' hoofs in the square below and, getting out of bed, looked out of the window. Below were a lot of horses and men, and as soon as she saw their uniform she knew what had happened. A body of Confederate cavalry had seized the telegraph office below her.

Jennie was an unusually bright girl. Living right in the midst of war she knew that the Confederates had captured the telegraph office for a purpose. Moseby and his methods were well known throughout Virginia, and she inferred that he would find out a decoy message that would enable him to capture a post, a wagon train or a railroad train. The floor beneath her was but a single layer of boards, in one of which was a knothole through which for practice she had often listened to her father send messages, reading them by ear.

Putting her eye down to the hole she saw her father sitting in a chair while a trooper covered him with a revolver. At the operating table was a man in Confederate uniform working the key. Jennie put her ear over the hole and read a dispatch to a Union commissary to forward 50,000 rations at once, asking how soon the wagon train bearing them could start. A reply came that wagons with 40,000 rations would start the next morning at 6 o'clock. The operator below gave an order that 40,000 rations would do, but there must be no delay.

After that the command bloused in the square of the town, the telegraph office remaining in charge of a guard. Ferguson was taken out into the square, where he could be safely kept, and there was a general quieting down. The operator below lay down in his blankets on the floor and went to sleep. Jennie began to consider the feasibility of warning the Federal commissary that he was about to send 40,000 rations into a trap where they would be captured and destroyed.

Looking out through her window she saw some ten feet below the wires entering the telegraph office. Taking the wire she had used to make her circuit she bent one end, making a hook and, dropping it out the window, caught it on to a telegraph wire, drawing it up taut so that the two wires were in close connection. The other end of the wire she put through her instrument. A metal water pipe led to the ground, and this she desired to complete her circuit, but the pipe was too far from her to be reached. However, she led her wire on to the roof and made her connection there. Then she was ready for business.

Unfortunately she could not work her key without also working the one below. However, it was continually clicking, and she hoped that she could get a message through without being detected. But she must make it short so that it might be understood before the men below would have time to intercept it. Looking through the knothole she saw the operator fast asleep. Then she began to spell out the words, "Moseby here, Moseby here, Moseby here."

In a moment the word "Where?" was clicked on her key. Then she gave the name of the station and felt sure that the trick was done. Looking again into the office below, she saw that the operator was still asleep and the guard were nodding. Then she went to bed.

At dawn she was awakened by shots below and, looking out, saw the Confederates getting away, pursued by Federal cavalry.

Molly had not only saved the train, but had given Colonel Moseby a close call for being captured.

Going downstairs, Molly found her father in the telegraph office, a free man, talking to the colonel of the cavalry force that had responded to her call.

"How did you manage to get the message through with those men watching you?" asked the officer.

"I didn't."

"Well, whom did the message come from?"

"I don't know."

"I do," said Molly, who entered at that moment, and she made it all clear to them. She received a reward from the United States government and afterward married a Federal lieutenant.

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## WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mrs. C. C. Graves of Colorado Springs, Col., called on Mrs. H. C. House last week.

Any one finding a Dartmouth pin on the street will confer a favor by returning it to Miss Ruth C. Bruce.

Frank H. Benedict, superintendent of schools in Cohasset, Mass., who has spent a part of his vacation in town as the guest of Walter E. Granger, has gone to Woodstock for a week's stay with Mr. Temple. His wife and son, Karl, are with him.

The trustees of the public library are to extend its usefulness by sending books to outlying districts of the town and a beginning has been made by sending a quantity to the quarry neighborhood. Mrs. J. G. Pirie will have charge of these books for the present.

Rev. John Irons is camping out in Pike, N. H., having made the trip there last week via Haverhill. He will be absent at this time about two weeks.

Enoch B. Martin of Washington, a former resident, is visiting relatives in town.

George H. Brigham, one of the first graduates of the W. H. S., and who finished a course at the U. V. M. last June, is employed by the Jones & Lamson Co. of Springfield, manufacturers of turret lathes.

The creamery paid 30 cents per pound for butter fat for the last half of June.

The locals played the Blue Sox of Barre in the Sunset league series the 19th and were defeated, the score standing 7 to 3.

The Rural Good Luck club will meet with Mrs. Edson Martin Saturday, July 27. Lesson from the magazine, "The Making of the Northwest."

Mrs. Harry Lasell is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reor and Miss Susie J. Lougee is taking her place in the postoffice.

Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Ryan of Brownsville, are the guests of N. B. Robinson.

David Henderson arrived in town this morning. He has been absent on a visit to his old home in Scotland for several months.

A very unusual baby was born Monday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lasell. The little fellow is exactly eight inches long, weighing about two pounds. He is still alive, though the use of an incubator may be necessary to finish its natural growth.

## EAST CABOT.

Mrs. Nellie Cass of Hardwick spent Friday at V. D. Blake's.

Miss Ruth Ashley of Waltham, Mass., is the guest of her brother, Herbert, at Walter Abbott's.

Mrs. Loren Adams and son, Forrest, of White River Junction recently visited at Charles Adams'.

Miss Ella Stevens of Hardwick was a guest at Vanada Blake's the first of last week.

Mrs. Eva Paquin of Lower Cabot is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall.

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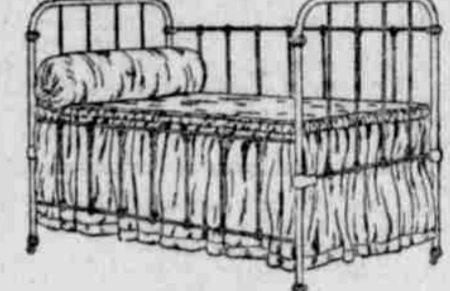
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